

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATHAN MICHAEL KELLY FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Michael Kelly, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Nathan has been involved in scouting, he has earned 47 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Historian, Bugler, Scribe, Patrol Leader, Librarian, Assistant Patrol Leader and Chaplain.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nathan completed a landscaping project around a mausoleum at the Blue Springs Cemetery in Blue Springs, Missouri. Nathan has also earned several special awards including the 12 Month Camper Award, Internet Safety Award, Leave No Trace Award, Snorkeling Award, World Conservation Award, and the 50 Miler Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Michael Kelly for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Leo the Great Catholic School on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

St. Leo the Great Catholic School focuses on the development of Catholic values and attitudes, as well as the attainment of knowledge and skills necessary for the student's spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and physical development. The basic curriculum of St. Leo's School consists of the following subjects: religion, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, health and safety, physical education, computer education, library and foreign language.

The history of St. Leo's School dates back to 1952, when St. Mary's Parish in Fairfax Station, Virginia, laid the foundation by developing a program to transport students to established parochial schools in the Metropolitan Washington area. This program led to a classroom for St. Leo's parish first and second graders in the St. Charles School of Arlington.

In 1957, the Benedictine Community of Bristow, Virginia, opened St. Leo the Great

Catholic School with four temporary classrooms. The next 10 years produced a series of ups and downs for the school, as they struggled to provide adequate space and staffing for their students. Nonetheless, they held steadfast to their vision of the future and instated a permanent kindergarten and primary education program through an abundance of support from nearby parish communities.

St. Leo the Great Catholic continues to thrive 50 years after its inception. Along with its strong curriculum, it is known for having a rock climbing wall, Spanish program, television studio and award winning band. In 2006, St. Leo's School received the National Blue Ribbon Award of Excellence, which is considered to be the highest honor an American school can receive.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and congratulating St. Leo the Great Catholic School on 50 years of distinction. I look forward to applauding its continued growth and success for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month—a celebration of Americans of Hispanic heritage and their collective and individual contributions to our community and to our Nation.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the five hundred year history of Hispanic culture in and its contribution to America. Hispanic Americans have contributed immeasurably to all areas of our culture—from medicine, law, and business to education, music, and the fine arts. Hispanic Americans in our community and in communities across the country are life-saving doctors and nurses, veterans, inspiring professors, dedicated teachers, committed elected officials, fair-minded judges, and hardworking factory employees. Americans of Hispanic heritage continue to bring energy, innovation and a real sense of social justice to America, while retaining the cultural traditions of their homeland for all citizens to enjoy.

I honor in a special way Hispanic American servicemen and women. Hispanic Americans have a long and honorable history of service to our country in the Armed Forces. They have served valiantly at all levels and in every capacity, and I salute them for their service to our country.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, and join me in expressing my gratitude for the outstanding contributions made by Hispanic Americans. Their journey to America, fraught with significant obstacles and

strife, paved the way for a better life for their children and future generations, and signifies what it means to be an American. Within our diversity we find strength, and within our traditions we find unity. Because of their journey, and the journey of people from all points of the world, we are stronger as a community, more unified as a nation, and better as people.

WYATT HOFFMAN FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Wyatt Hoffman, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Venturing Crew 2633, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Wyatt has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Wyatt has been involved in scouting, he has earned 28 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Chaplain's Aide. Wyatt is also a Hardway Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Wyatt generated community support for soldiers in Operation Iraqi Freedom through providing care letters and boxes of morale support items currently in short supply with the US Armed Forces.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Wyatt Hoffman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNANDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ACTION

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Annandale Christian Community for Action, ACCA, on the occasion of their 40th anniversary.

ACCA is an alliance of 26 churches in the Annandale community which strives to unite all Christians in an effort to promote and sponsor Christian social action. Its motto, "doing what Jesus would do," is the principle that guides the ACCA in its mission to serve those in need. The volunteer organization provides day care, food, rental assistance, furniture and other services to low-income families in the Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads area.

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